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In re Application of

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PRODUCTION OF HYDROXYLATED

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MODIFIED PLANTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, 1st ¶ inserted by applicants' Preliminary Amendment of June 21, 2001, amend to read as follows:

PI

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application No. 08/530,862, filed September 20, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,291,742, issued September 18, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application No. 08/320,982, filed October 11, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application No. 08/314,596, filed September 26, 1994, now abandoned.